

2. Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following:

Referring now to Figures 3 and 4, it can be seen that the underside 40 of the deck includes a lip 42 at the front edge 44 thereof and, particularly, at the front edge 46 of the center chamber 28. As can be understood from the figures, the lip 42 is provided as part of the construction of the deck 18 and does not bow laterally outwardly any more than any other part of the deck's edge 44 except to the extent that the curvature along a specific length of the front edge 46 of the center chamber 28 may require. Construction of the lip 42 in this manner permits decreased contact with vegetation in the implement's travel path so as to permit the center blade 34 to be as effective as possible in being able to adequately lift and cut that vegetation.

3. Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following:

Still referring to Figures 4 and 5, the baffle 54 is constructed to carry a second baffle or plate 60 thereon, the positioning of which is to the left of the lip 42 and center line of the center blade 34. This second baffle 60 is provided to be adjustable within and is securable to the first baffle 54 at its mounting slots 62 with bolts 64. Adjustably securing the baffle 60 in this manner and location allows it to be extended to the level of the cutting planes of both the left and center blades 32 and 34 such that it is even with the bottom edge 66 of the lip 42. With such an extension capability, the baffle 54 is effectively a continuation of the lip 42 in an area in which blowout of drier vegetation and other debris is likely and has been most frequently noticed. Additionally, the center blade 34 and left blade 32 will conduct the same forward and rearward sweeps mentioned in relation to the lip 42.

In the Claims:

Please replace all originally pending claims with the following:

We claim:

1. (amended) A cutting implement usable with a vehicle having front and rear wheels, the implement comprising: